PROPOSAL 61

5 AAC 38.2XX. New section.

Establish a commercial fishery for sea cucumbers in Registration Area E, as follows:

Create a fishery for sea cucumbers in registration Area E as follows.

The commercial taking of sea cucumbers in Registration Area E shall occur from October 1st thru March 1st under conditions of a permit issued by the commissioner.

This fishery provides opportunity for local fishermen to diversify their income and would boost the wintertime economy in local communities. ADF&G would have full authority to set yearly GHL's and set season duration.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently there is very limited fishing opportunity in Area E for local salmon fishermen to diversify their income in the off season. Also it is our belief that there is a healthy population of sea cucumbers going un-harvested in Area E.

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